holding a seminar on 31st July, 1995 to celebrate the birth anniversary of Munshi Prem Chand.

But the Demand Draft for payment of the Ist instalment amounting Rs. 18,750/- was returned undelivered owing to the non-availability of the addressee at the address given by the organisation.

Now, the sanction of grant has been revalidated and the payment will be made to the grantee soon.

[English]

Lift Irrigation in Orissa

3377. SHRI MURALIDHAR JENA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of lift irrigation points in working conditions in the state of Orissa till date;

(b) whether more than 50% lift points are not working;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to provide water in irrigated areas and to face the draught situation in Orissa; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) 10,150.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e). As per the information furnished by the State Government, to save standing crops, the details of the area covered by irrigation under Major, Medium, Minor (Flow) and lift irrigation sector are as under :

Major and Medium	951.64 thousand hectares
Minor (Flow)	180.326 thousand hectares
Minor (Lift)	79.476 thousand hectares

During Kharif 1996, much emphasis has been given to provide water in irrigated areas through lift irrigation projects. A sum of Rs. 1.20 crore, released from Calamity Relief Fund, has been deposited by the Orissa Lift Irrigation Corporation with GRID Corporation of Orissa for energisation of 441 LIPs. Similarly, Rs. 53.10 lakh released from Calamity Relief Fund has been placed at the disposal of Orissa Lift Irrigation Corporation for repair/replacement of 531 LIPs etc. Besides sum of Rs. 70.00 lakh has also been sanctioned from Calamity Relief Fund for repair/revival of 400 LIPs.

Government have allowed 75% subsidy on the water rate for Kharif crops to the avacutdars of the LIPs throughout the State.

Similarly, 50% subsidy has been made available to the cultivators in the avacut of LIPs throughout the State to encourage large scale compensatory rabi cultivation.

HIV

3378. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether nearly 5 million people in the country are likely to suffer from HIV infection by 2000 as stated by WHO;

(b) if so, whether various programmes run by the Government to check HIV/AIDS in the country are totally ineffective;

(c) if so, the total number of HIV positive cases reported in the country, State-wise as on November, 1996; and

(d) the new action plan Government propose to take to check/control the spread of this disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) No, Sir. World Health Organisation has made statistical estimates based on extrapolation.

(b) National AIDS Control Organisation a dedicated wing of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has been set-up to combat spread of HIV/AIDS in the country. The strategies of the programme consist of generation of awareness among high risk behaviour group and general public about HIV/AIDS control of Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Blood Safety and rational use of blood, Surveillance; and care and support to HIV/AIDS cases.

(c) 48777 HIV positive have been reported as on November, 1996. The State-wise details is enclosed as Statement.

(d) The IXth Five Year Plan is under preparation. While strengthening programme activities, the new thrust areas include HIV/AIDS Education is secondary school, among street children, involvement of industry, other public and private sectors and NGOs, setting up of blood component separation units, continuum of care to HIV infected AIDS cases. Counselling advocacy and promotion of Voluntary Blood Donation.

STATEMENT

Sero-Surveillance for HIV Infection Period of report upto : 30th November, 1996 (Prov.)

S.No.	Name	Screened	Positive
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	43164	290
2.	Assam	10780	150
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	309	0

1	2	3	4
4.	Andaman & Nicobar Island (U.T.)	9516	85
5.	Bihar	8403	17
6.	Chandigarh (U.T.)	54841	184
7.	Punjab	56	4
8.	Delhi	314213	1244
9.	Daman and Diu (U.T.)	250	8
10.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli (U.T.)	Report Not received	1
11.	Goa	59829	1007
12.	Gujarat	369960	527
13.	Haryana	131515	213
14.	Himachal Pradesh	13767	71
15.	Jammu and Kashmir	8450	28
16.	Karnataka	365093	2592
17.	Kerala	43927	215
18.	Lakshadeep (U.T.)	753	7
19.	Madhya Pradesh	82011	338
20.	Maharashtra	333853	31444
21.	Manipur	40557	3664
22.	Mizoram	22522	73
23.	Meghalaya	14013	57
24.	Nagaland	3344	261
25.	Orissa	79607	205
26.	Pondicherry (U.T.)	70740	2054
27.	Rajasthan	33374	97
28.	Sikkim	171	1
29.	Tamil Nadu	575954	2986
30.	Tripura	20871	13
31.	Uttar Pradesh	109706	699
32.	West Bengal	102505	252
	Total	2924054	48777

[Translation]

Birth Centenary of Poet

3379. SHRI SHATRUGHAN PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have chalked out any programme to celebrate the birth centenary of the great poet Suryakant Tripathi Nirala;

(b) whether the birth centenary of great Urdu poet Galib is also being celebrated;

(c) if so, the details thereof separately for parts (a) and (b) and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) if so, by when the birth centenary of both these eminent personalities are proposed to be celebrated?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) to (d). There is no proposal before the Central Government to celebrate the birth centenary of the poet Suryakant Tripathi Nirala. But the Government would offer support to such celebrations.

The Government has, however, decided to celebrate the 200th birth anniversary of Urdu poet Mirza Ghalib through year-long celebrations beginning from 27th December, 1997.

[English]

Harbour at Visakhapatnam

3380. DR. M. JAGANNATH : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct additional outer harbour to the existing one to create additional berthing facilities at Visakhapatnam;

(b) whether any proposal is under consideration to extend the port or to create additional berthing facilities at nearby Gangavaram to cater to the needs of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant and to ease to congestion at Visakhapatnam Port;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) to (d). Yes, Sir. In order to meet the future demand for port services and to ease congestion at the existing Visakhapatnam Port, a proposal to create additional berthing facilities near Gangavaram to cater to the needs of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant was under consideration of the Visakhapatnam Port Trust.

Meanwhile, Andhra Pradesh government declared Gangavaram as a minor port and decided to develop it as an integrated industrial port city. In view of this, Visakhapatnam Port Trust have proposed to develop an outer harbour to outer harbour to create additional berthing facilities.

Bombs for Tanks

3381. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Bomb worth Rs. 32 crore in Army trash bin", appearing in the *Pioneer* dated November 19, 1996; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?